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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy for Technology, Office of Special Activities  
SUBJECT : J-75 Engines and the IDEALIST Program

1. As you have heard, SAC is being directed to turn over two of their U-2's to us for conversion to our configuration. In discussing this matter with Leo Geary he advised me that we were getting two additional J-75 engines. Upon asking him the source of these engines, he said he was taking them "out of the OXCART Program", since with the loss of Article 123 there was in effect a surplus of these engines there, having been eight in all, I believe, to support the OXCART Program.

2. In view of the different dash of the J-75 engine in the IDEALIST Program, I asked him who was going to pay for the cost of conversion to the W-13 configuration. Leo said that Air Force would do this, since it was cheaper to pay  for the conversion of W-19 to W-13 than to buy two new engines at . The conversion has been discussed with Pratt & Whitney by Leo. The pacing item is new fuel controls for the W-13 configuration, which Leo says will take eight to nine months. The rest of the conversion simply is removing the afterburner and certain of the related accessories.

3. I thought you might like to be aware that these engines were coming out of the OXCART system.

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